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REMARKS

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1. VAB Kreisbau in Bernau had been ordered to make preparations for the erection of temporary quartering buildings for the Border Police in January/February 1954. The buildings to be erected were estimated to cost 500,000 eastmarks. Construction orders were given by the State Secretariat for State Security, MV OGP, in Berlin-5. 1

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2. Construction materials allocated by the Main Administration for the Building Industry at the Ministry of Reconstruction for the improvement of German Border Police installations in Frankfurt/Oder and Potsdam included:

Item	Allocated to	
	Frankfurt	Potsdam
Cement	300 tons	510 tons
Lime	50 "	200 "
Welded tubes	8 "	18 "
Seamless tubes		10 "
Clay pipes	8 "	18 "
Rod steel	3 "	13 "
Brass fittings	2 "	6 "
Nails	0.2 "	0.8 "
Bricks	200,000 pieces	800,000 pieces

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3. Since about mid-September 1953, mention has been made at the KVP Designs Office and at the Ministry of the Interior of a project referred to by the code name "Grenze".                      this code name was used for Border Police stations and headquarters to be erected along the Oder-Neisse line. On 8 October, one Captain Richter (fnu) of the Border Police stated that for the time being only designs had to be made for the buildings required.                      a total of six Border Police Headquarters were to be erected in 1954. The headquarters were scheduled to be set up in major towns and were designed for a capacity of

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26 men and 4 women. Each of the buildings was also to be equipped with two prison cells and garages for two trucks and four sedans. The Border Police stations (Kommandostuetzpunkte) subordinated to the Border Police headquarters, were to be set up in the vicinity of towns. They were also to be provided with prison cells and a guard room. A total of 30 such Border Police stations was scheduled to be set up. 2

25X1 4. [ ] a large garage installation was to be built for the Border Police, probably in the vicinity of Koenigswusterhausen. The garages were allegedly designed for 50 trucks and 50 sedans. A motor vehicle repair shop, a filling station and quartering facilities for the service personnel were also to be attached to the installation. 3

25X1 5. [ ] the Bau Union Potsdam was to furnish 90,000 bricks, 105 tons of cement and 45 tons of lime for the construction of four VP barracks camps. These camps were officially referred to as Wasserkamp Hennigsdorf, Waldberg Hennigsdorf, Birkholz (near Teltow) and Schildow. Orders for the construction of the barracks camps were given by the HVDGP. The buildings were scheduled to be completed within about three weeks. 1

6. On 22 October, work on the erection of prefabricated buildings was started in the area of the SED school at Paetz near Koenigswusterhausen. By 3 November, five temporary single-story buildings which rested on brick foundations were completed. Further sections of prefabricated houses were being unloaded from five railroad cars. Trucks and tractors of the Machine Tractor Station Paetz were used for the hauling of material from the railroad station to the construction site. About 120 workers were engaged in excavation work for the temporary buildings, which were reportedly built by the VEB Bau Union Spree. Construction work was to be completed by 1 December 1953. The new installation was to quarter about 1,600 VI's. The chief of the SED school had already been informed that the school had to move by 30 November. The school building was about 100 meters long and 12 to 15 meters wide. A target range for small-bore target practice had been built on the premises of the school in 1952. 4

7. On 4 November, 500 model 98 K and 80 model 43 automatic rifles arrived at the SED school. 4

25X1 1. [ ] Comment. The construction of new Border Police stations in the Berlin area may be connected with the allegedly planned organization of a 4th Border Police Bereitschaft employed around Berlin.

25X1 2. [ ] Comment. These construction projects may be connected with the intended transfer of some Grenzpolizei Kommandanturen and Kommandos or units.

25X1 3. [ ] Comment. Paetz is located south of Koenigswusterhausen.

25X1 4. [ ] Comment. [ ] the HVDGP is scheduled to be moved from Berlin to Paetz. [ ]

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